

June 19, 2013

Senator John Thune 511 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Thune:

On behalf of the Family Business Estate Tax Coalition (FBETC), thank you for introducing S. 1183, the *Death Tax Repeal Act of 2013* to permanently repeal the estate tax.

The FBETC supports the provisions in the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 including a \$5 million estate tax exemption, indexed for inflation, permanent lower tax rates and provisions for spousal transfer and stepped-up basis.

While these changes represent significant reform to the estate tax rules, the FBETC continues to believe that repeal is the best solution to protect all family-owned businesses from the estate tax.

Thank you for your continued efforts to support America's family businesses and family farms. We look forward to working with you to advance this important issue.

## Sincerely,

American Beverage Licensees
American Farm Bureau Federation
American International Automobile Dealers Association
American Rental Association
American Supply Association
American Trucking Associations
American Wholesale Marketers Association
AMT - The Association For Manufacturing Technology
Associated Builders and Contractors
Automotive Aftermarket Industry Association
Bowling Proprietors' Association of America
Communicating for America
Comporium Group/Rock Hill Telephone Company
Family Enterprise USA

## Financial Executives International Food Marketing Institute Hardwood Federation

Heating, Air-Conditioning & Refrigeration Distributors International (HARDI)

**Independent Electrical Contractors** 

Mason Contractors Association of America

National Association of Home Builders

National Association of Manufacturers

National Automobile Dealers Association

National Beer Wholesalers Association

National Black Chamber of Commerce

National Cattlemen's Beef Association

National Electrical Contractors Association

National Federation of Independent Business

National Funeral Directors Association

National Grocers Association

National Lumber and Building Material Dealers Association

National Propane Gas Association

National Restaurant Association

National Roofing Contractors Association

National Small Business Association

National Tooling and Machining Association

National Turkey Federation

North American Die Casting Association

Petroleum Marketers Association of America

Plumbing-Heating- Cooling Contractors- National Association

Precision Machined Products Association

Precision Metalforming Association

Printing Industries of America

Tire Industry Association

Western Growers Association

Wine & Spirits Wholesalers of America